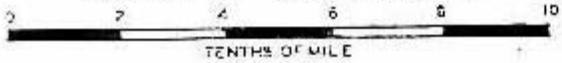


MIDAS # 3594
WORTHLEY POND
 PERU TWP OXFORD CO.

ELEV 571 FT AREA 354 ACRES



WORTHLEY POND

Peru Twp., Oxford Co.
U.S.G.S. Worthley Pond, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brown trout	Minnows
Brook trout	Lake chub
Rainbow smelt	White sucker
Smallmouth bass	Hornpout (bullhead)
Largemouth bass	Banded killifish
Yellow perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Chain pickerel	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 375 acres

Maximum depth - 49 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 78°F

40 feet - 49°F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, Rainbow smelt, largemouth bass

Worthley Pond is a scenic water with two separate basins connected by a narrower section of water. This pond is managed for both coldwater and warmwater fish species.

Water quality work indicates that this pond is well suited for salmonid management, because it retains a large volume of cool, oxygenated water during summer stratification. However, an abundance of competing fish species makes it difficult to manage for coldwater gamefish. Best results have been obtained with brown trout, and a few have been taken in excess of eight pounds Brook trout are also stocked and provide a popular short-term fishery. This water has limited natural reproduction, and routine stocking of both trout species is required to maintain these fisheries.

This water used to provide a smallmouth bass fishery, even though spawning and juvenile habitat was limited. Largemouth bass were illegally introduced in the early 1980's and they are now well established, but the smallmouth bass population declined to the point where a fishery no longer exists. This is an example of how existing fisheries can be affected when people inadvertently introduce other species of fish.

An unimproved, traditional access for non-trailer boats is located next to the outlet dam.

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